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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the above-identified application, pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, in order to bring the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner.

The subject application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of Serial No. 10/175,181 filed June 19, 2002. Copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have previously been submitted to, or cited by, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application U.S. Serial No. 10/175,181. The subject application relies upon said prior application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the references are not being supplied herewith. Rather, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the prior application, U.S. Serial No. 10/175,181, for copies of the references.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that

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such art be made of record in said application.

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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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